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THE condition of the public thoroughfare in Hongkong has frequently been the subject of complaint. It may be admitted that there are certain obstacles in the way of good road-making here which are somewhat difficult to deal with, but it certainly cannot be said that the Public Works Department have shown any great anxiety to overcome those difficulties. It is, as a rule, only when a general growth from the community arises that the Department makes an effort to 'mend their ways.' Queen's Road, the principal channel of vehicular traffic, is in a chronic condition

of disorder and an incalculable number of growls have been made over it. We do not know whether there has or has not been any official in the Public Works Department possessed of a road-making and practical knowledge of road-making, but all the evidence that can be adduced seems to indicate that this branch of the Department's business has never been attended to by any competent person. The community might be supposed at this time to have almost become reconciled to bad roads—to wade in a sea of mud at one time, to be blinded by dust at another, and to be shaken into a condition of physical and mental prostration by the violent bumping of a rickshaw. A time may come—and every colony must hope it will come—when it shall be possible for the Public Works Department, or some other public body, to maintain the chief thoroughfares of the Colony, if not in a state of permanent, at least in a condition less intolerable than that in which Queen's Road has been kept.

However that may be, the next gale in connection with the roads will probably have special reference to Queens Road East and Praya East. Several sections of these thoroughfares, which recently been opened, presumably in connection with the drainage of the locality. Deep trenches have

made and the very limited accommodation afforded for vehicular traffic in ordinary circumstances has been considerably reduced. Of course the Public Works Department cannot be found fault with for trying to improve the drainage of the roads. Their is assuredly plenty of room for improvement in that direction. But, what the Department is doing in a case that is likely to be the cause of complaint, but the way in which it is being done and the time that is being chosen for doing it. The Department cannot be altogether satisfied that the Hong Kong Races place next week, nor can they be aware that Queen's Road East, Praya East form the prescribed route to the Race Course. The restriction of Ricksha traffic on Race day is chiefly owing to the narrowness of Queen's Road, a task of no little difficulty to the police—and it must be to their credit that they perform the task very well,—and if their difficulties are to be increased by the diminution of the width of road, available for their task will be an almost impossible one. It may be possible to have trenches in the roads filled up and obstructions removed before the day of the Races, but in the work will have to be done much greater clarity than is usual in operations carried on in connection with the Public Works Department. If the trenches are filled up before time and the obstructions to traffic out of the way, the road will certainly be in even 'worse condition than

we can quite understand that it is
impossible to have such work as we
suggested to do in this, any season
it is begun so late in the season
that it cannot be completed before this
ring of what has been called the
annual riding festival of the
when the whole width of Queen
is hardly sufficient for the riders
alone; it will certainly not do as
to disprove the reasonable
popular opinion, that the Public
Department shows very little
concern for the convenience, no
the safety of the public.

THE subject of derelicts in the At-
lantic subject of taking steps
there is at present attracting a con-
siderable amount of public atten-
tion. In view of a correspondent of

Graphic), it may be of interest to H.M.S. Buccard fell in with one ocean vagrants. It was a member while returning from Barbados that an object was which was at first taken to be the object of meeting was containing the body of a person of medium size and weight and was about four feet long. As far as we could judge from the appearance of the object it was either a brig, and some of her spare and was to be seen beneath the clear water of the ocean. Nothing was seen of the object until it was identified. Commander Brown, being in position dangerous was determined to find and sink her. A gun was used and the object was seen at about three miles from the ship. As far as we could judge from the appearance of the object it was either a brig, and some of her spare and was to be seen beneath the clear water of the ocean. Nothing was seen of the object until it was identified. Commander Brown, being in position dangerous was determined to find and sink her. A gun was used and the object was seen at about three miles from the ship. As far as we could judge from the appearance of the object it was either a brig, and some of her spare and was to be seen beneath the clear water of the ocean. Nothing was seen of the object until it was identified. Commander Brown, being in position dangerous was determined to find and sink her. A gun was used and the object was seen at about three miles from the ship. As far as we could judge from the appearance of the object it was either a brig, and some of her spare and was to be seen beneath the clear water of the ocean. Nothing was seen of the object until it was identified. Commander Brown, being in position dangerous was determined to find and sink her. A gun was used and the object was seen at about three miles from the ship. As far as we could judge from the appearance of the object it was either a brig, and some of her spare and was to be seen beneath the clear water of the ocean. Nothing was seen of the object until it was identified. Commander Brown, being in position dangerous was determined to find and sink her. A gun was used and the object was seen at about three miles from the ship. As far as we could judge from the appearance of the object it was either a brig, and some of her spare and was to be seen beneath the clear water of the ocean. Nothing was seen of the object until it was identified. Commander Brown, being in position dangerous was determined to find and sink her. A gun was used and the object was seen at about three miles from the ship. As far as we could judge from the appearance of the object it was either a brig, and some of her spare and was to be seen beneath the clear water of the ocean. Nothing was seen of the object until it was identified. Commander Brown, being in position dangerous was determined to find and sink her. A gun was used and the object was seen at about three miles from the ship. As far as we could judge from the appearance of the object it was either a brig, and some of her spare and was to be seen beneath the clear water of the ocean. Nothing was <

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